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SUBJECT: JAPAN PRESS WORRIED ABOUT TRADE WAR WITH EC

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1. JAPANESE PRESS TREATMENT OF LATEST EUROPEAN ACTIONS AND
THREATS AIMED AT JAPAN--IMPOSING DUMPING DUTIES ON BALL
BEARINGS, A CONTINUED HARD LINE ON SHARING OF SHIP ORDERS,
RENEWED CALLS FOR GREATER PURCHASES OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS--
IS EXPRESSING "FEAR OF TRADE WAR". IMPOSITION OF DUMPING
DUTIES CAME AS PARTICULAR SURPRISE SINCE JAPANESE BELIEVED
A COMPROMISE SOLUTION WAS POSSIBLE THROUGH NEGOTIATION.
FEAR NOW IS THAT EUROPE WILL ASK JAPAN TO RESTRAIN ITS
EXPORTS ONE BY ONE AND IF NOT SATISFIED WILL WITH ALACRITY
IMPOSE UNILATERAL MEASURES TO SHUT THEM OUT.

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2. ALTHOUGH SHAKEN BY LATEST EC ACTIONS, GOJ DOES NOT YET
APPEAR WILLING TO TAKE A UNIFORMLY STRONG STAND. IN
DIET INTERPELLATIONS PM FUKUDA CALLED ON PRIVATE
INDUSTRY TO EXERCISE SELF-RESTRAINT IN EXPORTS TO
EUROPE AND TO "PAY ATTENTION" TO EXPORTS TO THE U.S. AS
WELL. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST
SOME POLICY MAKERS FAVOR TAKING JAPAN'S CASE FOR BALL

BEARINGS TO THE GATT.

3. COMMENT: OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT THE GOJ WILL TAKE
UP EACH CASE SEPARATELY ON ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
MERITS IN A DAMAGE-LIMITING STRATEGY.
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